

Calvin & Hobbes
Spider-Man
Snuffy Smith
Peanuts
Hi and Lois
Beetle Bailey
Shoe
Garfield

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SANTA RUNS HIS OPERATION. HOW CAN HE AFFORD TO GIVE TOYS AWAY?

HOW DOES HE PAY FOR THE RAW MATERIALS HE USES TO MAKE THE TOYS? HOW DOES HE PAY HIS ELVES?

THERE'S NO INCOME TO COVER HIS COSTS. HOW DOES HE DO IT?

DEFICIT SPENDING, I GUESS.

SURE, BUT SOONER OR LATER IT'S GOING TO CATCH UP TO HIM, AND THEN WHERE WILL I BE?!

WHAT'RE YOU WATCHING MONEY?

DR. LANA LESSINGER'S SHOW.

ISN'T SHE THE ONE WHO GIVES ADVICE ABOUT EVERYTHING?

HUSH. I DON'T WANT TO MISS IT.

AN HOUR LATER...

ARE MY RATINGS DOWN AGAIN?

YES, DR. LANA. WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING.

AN' THAT'S TH' LATEST NEWS FROM WASHIN'TON--

PAW !! SPORTS AN' WEATHER'S COMIN' UP NEXT !!

I NEED YOUR ADVICE, CHARLIE BROWN...

WHEN SANTA CLAUS BRINGS ME MY DOG, I'LL HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.

IF YOU SHOW ME WHAT YOU FEED YOUR DOG AND WHERE HE SLEEPS, MAYBE I'LL LEARN SOMETHING.

WHAT'S THAT KID DOING ON THE RUNWAY?

IT'S TOO LATE TO ORDER ANYTHING BY CATALOG!

THEN WE BETTER HIT THE MALL!

I THINK IT'S BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

YOU DON'T HAVE 25 PRESENTS STILL LEFT TO BUY!

MEN, WE'RE ON THE ALERT TO GO TO THE MIDEAST

BUT LET'S JUST KEEP IT BETWEEN US

THERE'S A WORD FOR A WOMAN LIKE THAT.

YEAH?

"HELLO."

IF YOU PEEK AT YOUR PRESENT, I'LL TELL SANTA

AND HE'S ALREADY NOT TOO HAPPY WITH YOU FOR EATING HIS MILK AND COOKIES LAST YEAR

YOU HAD TO BRING THAT UP DIDN'T YOU?!

Family Circus

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"Don't tell ANYBODY, Mommy. It's a surprise! We got you a fax machine!"

Cathy

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